

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**EOFF ET AL.**

Serial No.: **10/806,894**

Filed: **MARCH 23, 2004**

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DRILLING FLUIDS AND METHODS OF  
USE"**

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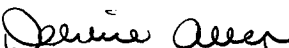
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED DECEMBER 17, 2008**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 17, 2008 (the "Final Office Action"), Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue an Advisory Action if the Examiner does not find the claims to be allowable in light of the remarks made herein. Applicants submit the following:

- **Listing of the Claims**, which begin on page 2 of this paper and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 7 of this paper.